

Application Serial No. 09/720,762

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Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated May 1, 2006

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gasket for a pre-filled syringe, the syringe comprising a barrel into which liquid is charged,

wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that contacts an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not for contact with the liquid is formed into a tapered slant, and wherein only the peripheral side surface that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin, ~~and wherein the restriction is not laminated.~~

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the tapered slant is defined by a first diameter extending to the peripheral side surface that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel, and a second diameter of a peripheral side surface of the gasket that is not for contact with the inner surface of the syringe barrel, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 0.5 mm and about 5 mm.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a diameter between peripheral side surfaces that contact the inner surface of the syringe barrel of between about 30 mm and about 35 mm.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket has a height of between 15 mm and about 18 mm.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 3, wherein the first diameter and the second diameter differ by between about 1 mm and about 3 mm.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A gasket for a pre-filled syringe, the syringe comprising a barrel into which liquid is charged,

wherein a peripheral side surface of the gasket that contacts an inner surface of the syringe barrel is provided with a restriction, and wherein only the peripheral side surface that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin, and ~~wherein the restriction is not laminated~~, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not for contact with the liquid is formed into a first tapered slant, and a second tapered slant is formed between the peripheral side surface of the gasket that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel and the restriction.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid charged into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the pre-filled syringe further comprises a luer lock portion formed in a nozzle of the syringe at an end of the syringe barrel opposite the gasket.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the gasket tightly closes the liquid charged into the syringe, and wherein the liquid is a contrast medium.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the pre-filled syringe further comprises a luer lock portion formed in a nozzle of the syringe at an end of the syringe barrel opposite the gasket.

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Claim 14 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein the gasket is made integrally of a material with JIS hardness of 55 to 60.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 1, wherein a bottom surface of the gasket that is for contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The gasket according to claim 9, wherein a bottom surface of the gasket that is for contact with the liquid is laminated with polyethylene fluoride resin.